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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL IRA DEFIES PEACE MOVEMENT

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1. PEACE MOVEMENT INITIATED BY ANDERSONSTOWN WOMEN HELD SECOND NON-DENOMINATIONAL MARCH AND RALLY IN MIXED ORMEAU ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD BELFAST AUGUST 21. AN ESTIMATED 15000, STILL MOSTLY WOMEN, PARTICIPATED. NEXT MARCH SCHEDULED FOR SHANKILL ROAD AUGUST 28. ONE OF ORIGINAL ANDERSONSTOWN FOUNDERS MADE TOUCHING STATEMENT THAT SHE THRILLED BY PROSPECT OF WALKING ON SHANKILL FOR FIRST TIME IN EIGHT YEARS.

2. PROVISIONAL IRA, BELFAST, HAS ACCUSED WOMEN OF OPPORTUNISM, HYPOCRISY AND BEING AGENTS OF PRIESTS AND BRITISH. PROVISIONAL DECLARED "STRUGGLE WOULD GO ON". PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN ORGANIZED RALLY IN SOUTH ARMAGH AUGUST 22 TO PROTEST DEATH OF TWELVE YEAR OLD MAJELLA O'HARE, KILLED BY GUNFIRE AUGUST 14. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) HAS ANNOUNCED "PROBABILITY" THAT FATAL SHOTS CAME FROM ARMY WEAPON.

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3. PROVISIONAL IRA AND OTHER PARAMILITARIES UNDER PRESSURE FROM OTHER SOURCES. AN ORDER-IN-COUNCIL PASSED AUGUST 17 DOUBLED SENTENCES ON CONVICTION SOME FIREARMS OFFENSES FROM 5 TO 10 YEARS. OFFENSES INCLUDE "POSSESSION OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION IN SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES." BELFAST "SUNDAY NEWS" CARRIED UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT PROVISIONAL LEADERS MET WITH PROMINENT ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGY BELFAST LAST WEEK AND FACED DEMANDS THAT PROVISIONALS STOP VIOLENCE.

4. CHIEF CONSTABLE RUC IN TOUGH STATEMENT AUGUST 20, DETAILING RECENT SECURITY FORCE ACHIEVEMENTS IMPLICITLY DENIED THAT THERE ANY POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON POLICE. AMONG OTHER SUCCESSES IT KNOWN RUC HAS CAUGHT MEMBERS OF AN ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE ASSASSINATION GANG IN COLERAINE AREA. THIS CAME AT GOOD TIME. ONE CATHOLIC WORKMAN SHOT AND WOUNDED ON BUILDING SITE ARDOYNE AUGUST 20 IN WHAT APPEARS BE RANDOM SECTARIAN ATTACK. SPICER

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